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1. A VARIETY OF FACTORS WILL AFFECT THE IMPORTANT DECISION WHICH WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WILL MAKE IN THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FACILITY FOR THE ENRICHMENT OF URANIUM FOR NUCLEAR REACTOR FUEL. WHILE IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AT THIS TIME TO PREDICT EXACTLY WHAT THE FINAL DECISION WILL BE, WE BELIEVE IT IS MOST LIKELY THAT THE EUROPEANS WILL DECIDE TO ESTABLISH SOME KIND OF ENRICHMENT CAPABILITY OF THEIR OWN.

2. THE FACTORS WHICH WILL AFFECT THIS DECISION INCLUDE THE FOLLOWIN: THE POSITION THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (EC) WILL TAKE, AS A PART OF ITS COMMON ENERGY POLICY, AS TO WHETHER ANY URANIUM ENRICHMENT FACILITY SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE EC FRAMEWORK; THE RESULTS OF THE SEPARATE STUDY GROUPS CONCERNING THE COMMERCIAL POTENTIAL OF THE GASEOUS DIFFUSION AND CENTRIFUGE ENRICHMENT TECHNOLOGIES; THE ROLE OF THE SOVIET UNION WHICH HAS CLEARLY DECIDED TO ENTER INTO THE URANIUM ENRICHMENT FIELD AS A SUPPLIER IN A MEANINGFUL WAY; AND THE IMPACT OF RECENT U. S. DECISIONS AND ACTIVITIES WHICH TEND TO PUSH THE UROPEANS TOWARD EARLY DECISION ON AN ENRICHMENT POLICY.

3. THESE FACTORS ARE EXAMINED IN EC A-368 OF OCTOBER 2 WHICH IS BEING FORWARDED TO ALL ADDRESSEES. WE BELIEVE THIS REPORT WILL BE OF INTEREST TO YOU AS A SUMMARY OF THE BACKGROUND OF THESEVARIOUS FACTORS.
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